

Collective Worship Booklet

Summer 1 2023

17th April – 26th May



Notes:

Please see guidance notes below on each of the Themes

Dates in red will all be virtual due to exams taking over assembly spaces.

WC 17th April: Year 11s and Sixth Form will have a joint collective worship on Thursday 20th April

WC 24th April: SLT Links to plan and deliver content for their respective Houses.

WC 1st and 8th May: 1st and 8th May are both bank hols, so S, A, C house leaders to plan virtual assemblies to be shown by mentors

Themes and Verses

Week	House	Year Assembly
17 th April	<p>Theme: Team and ‘Cheerleading’</p> <p>Verse: <i>“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.”</i> (1 Corinthians 12:26)</p> <p>Content: House/CECILIA’S values</p> <p>In light of this week’s theme and verse, HLs to go over what it means for us as a school to be all in one team. This is what the Bible verse is referring to. Our actions and choices affect others, either for bad (suffering) or for good (honour). HLs to go over CECILIAS values shared at the start of the year, as well as your unique House values. HLs also to use this assembly to promote and encourage House participation in any events coming up throughout the summer term.</p>	<p>Theme: Team and ‘Cheerleading’</p> <p>Verse: <i>“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.”</i> (1 Corinthians 12:26)</p> <p>Content: Behaviour and ‘Cheerleading’</p> <p>In light of this week’s theme and verse, YLs to go over what is expected in terms of behaviour, conduct, and attitudes. With Year 11/13s sitting their final exams this term, how can the rest of us (both students and staff) be a good team around them, i.e. an encouraging community for them. What little things can we do to cheer them on to success (hence ‘cheerleading’).</p>
24 th April	<p>Theme: Inspiration and Motivation</p> <p>Verse: <i>“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”</i> (Galatians 6:9)</p> <p>Content: SLT Link for each House to speak on ‘What and/or who is your inspiration for why you do what you do?’</p> <p>What motivates you to keep going when you feel like giving up?</p>	<p>Theme: Inspiration and Motivation</p> <p>Verse: <i>“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”</i> (Galatians 6:9)</p> <p>Content: YLs to speak on ‘What and/or who is your inspiration for why you do what you do?’</p> <p>What motivates you to keep going when you feel like giving up?</p>

<p>1st May</p>	<p>Theme: Citizenship</p> <p>Verse: <i>“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”</i> (Philippians 1:27)</p> <p>Content: In light of the King’s coronation on the 6th May, there will be mixed attitudes and feelings about the Monarchy. Nevertheless, what does it mean to be good citizens in the society and country that we live in?</p>	<p>Theme: Coronation</p> <p>Verse: <i>“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”</i> (Philippians 1:27)</p> <p>Content: YLs to plan an assembly looking at the upcoming Coronation YLs can use this as a resource in planning but feel free to adapt: SPCK Assemblies - The Coronation of King Charles III</p>
<p>8th May</p>	<p>Theme: Leader’s Voice</p> <p>Given that this will be the last assembly before we migrate to virtual assemblies, I have left this week open for HJs to speak on a theme of their choice</p>	<p>Theme: Leader’s Voice</p> <p>Given that this will be the last assembly before we migrate to virtual assemblies, I have left this week open for YLs to speak on a theme of their choice</p>
<p>15th May</p>	<p>Theme: Ascension</p> <p>Verse: John 20:17</p> <p>Virtual assembly - Chaplain to plan content relating to Ascension (18th May) for both House and Year</p>	<p>Theme: Ascension</p> <p>Verse: John 20:17</p> <p>Virtual assembly - Chaplain to plan content relating to Ascension (18th May) for both House and Year</p>
<p>22nd May</p>	<p>Theme: Pentecost</p> <p>Verse: John 14:26</p> <p>Virtual assembly - Chaplain to plan content relating to Pentecost (28th May) for both House and Year.</p>	<p>Theme: Pentecost</p> <p>Verse: John 14:26</p> <p>Virtual assembly - Chaplain to plan content relating to Pentecost (28th May) for both House and Year.</p>

Prayers: Starting and ending Collective worship

I continue to encourage YLs and HLs to indicate the transition from any announcements that are given into collective worship by saying:

'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...'

Can I also remind all that we finish every day with students- whether in assemblies or mentor groups by saying the Grace prayer:

*'May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all,
evermore.
Amen.'*

Further Help?

Don't forget there are lots of resources on the Z drive.

For Mentors, there is good guidance given in the Mentors Handbook which Anessa Lee created and sent out at the start of the year.

For everyone, please do not hesitate to ask me for help or feedback as you start to work on the content for your assemblies.

Christian Meditation

Christian meditation is different to other forms, such as Mindfulness, because the focus is Jesus Christ. Learning to meditate helps us face and resolve conditioned patterns of mind that need to change. It won't make any of us perfect but it helps to calm mental agitation and negative thinking.

'Meditation is a healing process. What is healed is the wound of our divided self that separates us from others, from God and so from our full potential.' (John Main OSB)

How to Meditate in Mentor Groups

Ask all mentees to sit down. Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Silently, concentrate on a word that you can say repeatedly in your head (for example 'Maranatha' which means 'Come Lord Jesus') or an object such as a candle that you can imagine or actually focus on. Try not to think of anything other than your word or object.

After a minute of silence, direct your mentees to run through their day so far in their heads. Pause between each instruction. *(Please use your judgement about how many of these to include but always include the final two instructions- in bold.)*

Ask them to think and reflect about:

- How they felt when they woke up this morning
- Who they interacted with at home
- Their journey to school
- How they felt when they walked in through the school gates
- Each lesson they had
- When they had worked hard
- What made them feel sad or angry during the day
- Things that had happened that made them feel happy
- **Where they feel that God had been most present in their day**
- **Then ask them to thank God for bringing them to the end of the school day and to place the rest of the day in His hands**

After a time of silent reflection, ask mentees to open their eyes and remain seated quietly. The Grace prayer can be used to finish off this time and/or The Lord's prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

